

CHAPTER IV.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

138. A comparison between the receipts, expenditure and net revenue of the year of this report and of 1893-94 is presented in these figures :—

| Year. | Receipts. | EXPENDITURE. | | | Surplus. |
|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| | | A. Conservancy and Works. | B. Establish- ments. | Total. | |
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1893-94 | | 8,14,169 | 1,49,466 | 3,63,664 | 5,13,130 |
| 1894-95 | | 7,84,401 | 1,67,296 | 3,75,175 | 5,42,471 |
| Increase | | ... | 17,830 | 11,511 | 29,341 |
| Decrease | | 29,768 | ... | ... | 59,109 |

139. There is a decrease in the gross revenue and a larger decrease in the surplus of the year of this report, and the cause of this is that lower prices for departmentally exploited timber and firewood ruled in local markets of East and West Khāndesh, and for timber in the Ahmednagar and Poona districts, where considerable quantities of teak rafters have remained unsold. The Hirda crop was very much below the average, and the receipts from this source are about 60 per cent. of what they came to the year before. The sales of standing timber to purchasers and consumers, to be felled and removed at their own expense, likewise show to disadvantage : in the Sátára division because the most of the reserved trees upon occupied lands had been disposed of before the year opened, and comparatively few trees remained for sale during the year : in the West Khāndesh Division because the demand was weaker : in Násik because a contractor failed to pay up all his purchase money by the time it was expected of him originally.

RECEIPTS I.—DEPARTMENTAL AGENCY.

| Year. | Timber. | Firewood. | Bamboos. | Sandal-wood. | Grass and other minor produce. | Total. |
|------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1893-94 | | 1,10,030 | 38,014 | 75 | 8 | 28,003 |
| 1894-95 | | 98,649 | 36,523 | ... | 2 | 15,499 |
| Difference | | —11,381 | —1,491 | —75 | —6 | —12,504 |
| | | | | | | —25,457 |

140. Bamboos and other minor produce sales to purchasers and consumers have given a slightly higher revenue than of last year, while firewood sales have produced about Rs. 1,500 less : on the other hand grazing fees and fodder grass have gone up nearly Rs. 16,000 :—

| Year. | Timber. | Fire-wood. | Bamboos. | Grazing, &c. | Other minor produce. | Total. |
|------------|---------|------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|---------|
| 1893-94 | | 1,35,756 | 35,559 | 15,395 | 3,86,211 | 30,630 |
| 1894-95 | | 1,14,966 | 34,134 | 15,944 | 4,02,198 | 31,636 |
| Difference | | —20,790 | —1,425 | + 549 | + 15,987 | + 1,006 |
| | | | | | | —4,673 |

141. The collections of duty on foreign timber have fallen about Rs. 4,000 owing to timber imported into Khándesh from the Baroda State having been exempted from the payment of duty.

142. Under Conservancy and Works there has been more expenditure this year than last, on Rent of Leased Forests, on Buildings, on Demarcation, on Working-Plans, on Plantations, on Wire Fencing and on Uniforms.

143. Under B. both salaries and travelling allowances have been more costly this year, and there have been slightly large disbursements under contingencies.

144. The following statement gives the revenue and expenditure by divisions for the last two Forest years :—

| Division. | Receipts. | | Charges. | | Surplus. | | Deficit. | |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 1893-94. | 1894-95. | 1893-94. | 1894-95. | 1893-94. | 1894-95. | 1893-94. | 1894-95. |
| Direction ... | 23 | 5 | 38,465 | 33,064 | ... | ... | 38,442 | 33,059 |
| Working-Plans ... | ... | 10 | 3,350 | 15,187 | ... | ... | 3,350 | 15,177 |
| East Khándesh ... | 1,37,999 | 1,40,549 | 51,050 | 55,596 | 86,949 | 84,953 | ... | ... |
| West Khándesh ... | 2,59,353 | 2,27,071 | 69,048 | 72,213 | 1,90,305 | 1,54,858 | ... | ... |
| Násik ... | 1,49,607 | 1,51,726 | 80,550 | 74,452 | 69,057 | 77,274 | ... | ... |
| Ahmednagar ... | 59,589 | 56,284 | 56,987 | 66,886 | 2,602 | ... | ... | 10,602 |
| Poona ... | 87,687 | 92,951 | 1,00,483 | 1,06,197 | ... | ... | 12,796 | 13,246 |
| Sátára ... | 86,860 | 82,211 | 80,783 | 86,643 | 6,077 | ... | ... | 4,432 |
| Sholápur ... | 33,051 | 33,594 | 32,414 | 32,233 | 637 | 1,361 | ... | ... |
| Total ... | 8,14,169 | 7,84,401 | 5,13,130 | 5,42,471 | 3,55,627 | 3,18,446 | 54,588 | 76,516 |

145. It will be seen that all divisions except West Khándesh, Ahmednagar and Sátára show an increase in gross receipts. The decrease in the above three divisions is due to lower prices for departmentally exploited timber and firewood that ruled the market and to the bad Hirda crop in the Sátára division. The surplus revenue amounts to Rs. 3,18,446 and the deficit to Rs. 76,516, leaving Rs. 2,41,930 as the net balance. The expenditure shows an increase of Rs. 29,341 and is due to works on increased scale under A. Conservancy and Works and to the payment of salary and travelling allowance at increased rates under B. Establishments.

146. In the Ahmednagar division a quantity of timber remains in stock unsold at the close of the year. In the Poona division the deficit is owing mainly to the expenditure incurred on the salary and other charges of the Professor of Forestry, and also of other officers who were stationed in Poona during the rains. In the Sátára division the expenditure under B. has been added to by a newly joined Assistant Conservator having been attached to that division for duty and for pupilage.

147. A comparison between the sanctioned Budget Estimates of the Financial year 1894-95 and the actuals of the same period may be seen in the following figures :—

| | Revenue. | EXPENDITURE. | | | Surplus. | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| | | A. Conservancy and Works. | B. Establish- ment. | Total. | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Budget Estimates ... | 7,60,100 | 1,62,604 | 3,61,000 | 5,23,604 | 2,36,496 | |
| Actuals ... | 7,93,848 | 1,61,609 | 3,78,164 | 5,39,773 | 2,54,075 | |
| Increase of actuals ... | 33,748 | ... | 17,164 | 16,169 | 17,579 | |
| Decrease of actuals ... | ... | 995 | .. | ... | ... | |

And although the total revenue and the surplus of the Forest year 1894-95 are not equal to those of the year before, still they are slightly better than the Budget Estimates.

148. The revenue and expenditure of the Circle for the past ten years is given as desired in Government Resolution No. 5385, dated 23rd June 1894, in the Revenue Department, the Financial year only has been taken, because the figures of the Forest year are not available for any year before 1892-93 :—

| Year. | | | | Receipts. | Expenditure. | Net Revenue. |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1884-85 | ... | ... | ... | 5,10,168 | 4,19,002 | 91,196 |
| 1885-86 | ... | ... | ... | 5,11,379 | 4,32,600 | 78,779 |
| 1886-87 | ... | ... | ... | 4,69,985 | 4,25,815 | 44,120 |
| 1887-88 | ... | ... | ... | 4,95,425 | 6,52,617 | 42,808 |
| 1888-89 | ... | ... | ... | 5,82,238 | 4,56,619 | 1,25,619 |
| 1889-90 | ... | ... | ... | 5,89,455 | 4,33,481 | 1,56,274 |
| 1890-91 | ... | ... | ... | 6,20,092 | 4,55,908 | 1,64,184 |
| 1891-92 | ... | ... | ... | 7,48,149 | 4,61,353 | 2,86,796 |
| 1892-93 | ... | ... | ... | 7,51,787 | 4,82,479 | 2,69,308 |
| 1893-94 | ... | ... | ... | 8,18,189 | 5,03,230 | 3,14,959 |
| 1894-95 | ... | ... | ... | 7,93,848 | 5,39,773 | 2,54,075 |

149. The value of stock and outstandings at the commencement and close of the forest year is compared below :—

| I. | | | Rs. |
|---|-----|-----|--------------|
| Value of Stock— | | | |
| On 1st July 1894 ... | ... | ... | ... 61,917 |
| On 30th June 1895 | ... | ... | ... 67,113 |
| Balance in favour of the year... | ... | ... | <u>5,196</u> |

| II. | | | Rs. | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | | By Contractors. | On account of Revenue. |
| Value of outstandings. | | | Rs. | Rs. |
| On 1st July 1894 | ... | ... | 11,176 | 14,726 |
| On 30th June 1895 | ... | ... | 15,138 | 15,724 |
| Balance for the year | ... | ... | + 3,962 | + 998 |

CHAPTER V. FOREST ADMINISTRATION.

150. The Forest Administration of the Circle was conducted on the same lines as reported last year, *viz.*, in conformity with the orders of Government contained in their Resolution No. 7107, dated 6th September 1892, in the Revenue Department, but the rules regarding the channels of communications have been revised by the Commissioner, who has prescribed lists showing—

- (1) the documents which the Divisional Forest Officer may submit direct to the Conservator and need not send through the Collector ;
- (2) the documents which the Conservator may send direct to the Divisional Forest Officer and need not send through the Collector ;
- (3) the correspondences which the Conservator may submit direct to Government and need not send through the Commissioner.

151. This modification of the rules has worked with great advantage for a prompter despatch of business by the removal of avoidable circumlocution